FPIs in Nagaland

551. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Food Processing Industries functioning at present in Nagaland;

(b) the number of employees working in these industries; and

(c) the details of Food Processing Industries proposed to be set up by Government in the State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) Food Processing industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, the information relating to number of Food Processing Industries is not maintained centrally.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up food processing units on its own. However, financial assistance is provided to entrepreneurs/NGOs to set up food processing units in the state. A few units have been assisted in Nagaland as well.

Export of food products

552. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to capture US dollar 15 billion worth of legitimate share of Indian diasporic population in various countries of the world;

(b) the total amount worth of food products exported to other countries during the last five years, year-wise; and

(c) the target set for exporting food products in 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI) : (a) to (c) Export targets are in the nature of projections based on past performance and future expectations. Steps taken to increase export of processed food products are by way of upgradation of processing technology, improvement of quality and packaging, product diversification, participation in international fairs/exhibitions etc. A statement showing India's agricultural exports from the year 1998-99 to 2002-03 is given in the Statement.